

Clues Continued...

See the third light pole? Make your **tracks** nice and straight!
At the fourth pole, see the barn—you've not long to wait.
Pause here before you find the quest box;
Close your eyes and mentally turn back the clock.

Let the sounds of stage music fill your ears—
Bluegrass, jazz, reggae, and folk songs so dear.
Performing for people of every age,
Many famous musicians have graced this stage.

There is room in the meadow for all kinds of leisure:
Picnic, fly a kite, or search for a treasure.
Facing the stage, left is where to point your toe.
Past clues solve the word puzzle, revealing where to "go."

Find the _____
2 1 5 3 2 6 6 4 5

Sneak around to the north side and look for a box,
The one whose lock opens, not the one whose lock's locked.

Is anyone watching? Take a look.
Collect the quest stamp and sign the logbook.
When you finish, take time to seal the box tightly.
Re-hide it, be stealthy, and make your **tracks** lightly.

Please travel back the way you came,
Just follow the gravel to end this game.
Come back again when concerts entertain,
Past the pipeline and fence of linked chain.

Retrace your steps to the path like a silver river.
It's made of asphalt and quickly will deliver
You back to the start, which will now be the end.
Thank you for questing, and please tell your friends!



This quest was created by Nancy Karl, a retired Cuyahoga Falls middle school teacher, and Mary Hultman, a naturalist for Stark Parks.

How to Quest

Quest clues and maps—created by teachers, volunteers, and/or park staff—will help you discover the natural and cultural gems of the Ohio & Erie Canalway. At the end of each quest is a hidden treasure box. Sign your name in the logbook, stamp this page, and return the box to its hiding place.

STAMP HERE

**The questing season runs from
April 15 through November 15.**

Notice a problem or have suggestions for improving this quest? Contact Arrye Rosser at 440-546-5992 or arrye_rosser@nps.gov.

About This Program

I'm Arrye Rosser, interpretive and education specialist at Cuyahoga Valley National Park. I'd like to thank everyone who helped fulfill my dream of bringing questing to Ohio. This project was made possible by the generous support of a 2010 Parks as Classrooms grant from the National Park Service and is a partnership between many organizations.

So far, more than 70 teachers, volunteers, and park staff have been involved in writing and field testing our initial series of Canalway Quests. Our plan is to create many more in the years ahead. If you would like to volunteer, contact me at 440-546-5992 or arrye_rosser@nps.gov.

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The Ohio & Erie Canalway celebrates the rails, trails, landscapes, towns, and sites that grew up along the first 110 miles of the canal that helped Ohio and our nation grow.

**For more information and to get copies of other quests,
visit www.nps.gov/cuva and search for keyword "questing."**



Indigo Lake. ©JERRY JELINEK

Canalway Quest

Tracks Through Time Quest

Explore the Indigo Lake area through time on this moderate hike.



Planning Ahead

This treasure hunt takes about 60 minutes. There are both natural and paved surfaces with some hills. Walking shoes, drinking water, and insect repellent are recommended. You will need a pen or pencil to do the puzzle and sign the logbook. Some people prefer using their own signature stamp and ink pad or marker. This quest may be hard to do during special events at Howe Meadow.

Getting There

Start at the Indigo Lake parking lot, 3801 Riverview Road, Peninsula, Ohio 44264.

Clues

From the parking lot, south you'll go.

Hale Farm Trail has a lot to show.

Over the first tracks—maybe a train, look out!
The yellow depot is on your route.

Step inside, and find the signs.

Much has changed, please read the lines.

Once Botzum, Ira, and _____ reigned,
Where folks traded goods and rode the trains.

Which one town remains? _____
1 1 2 1

Back to the trail, you're now headed west.

Look downhill to continue your quest.

Brilliant dark blue reflects the skies

As Indigo Lake greets your eyes.

It once was a quarry for glacier-laid gravel.

William Gray dug deep, and **tracks** of time unraveled.

For 15 years groundwater seeped into the quarry.

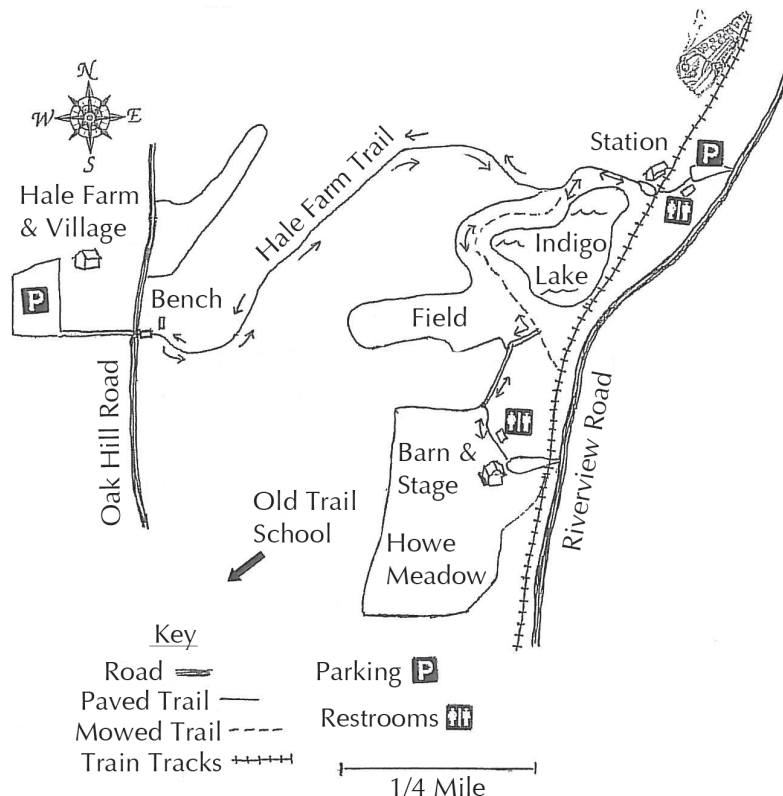
Was this why Mr. Gray said, "End of the story"?

Continue west on the Hale Farm Trail.

It winds to the south over hill and down dale.

Enter the woods and enjoy the shade.

There are still many **tracks** to see in this glade.



100 steps or so into the thicker trees,
Look right—a tablet-shaped rock stands at 90 degrees.
10,000 years ago glaciers melted and left
Tracks of land ridges, boulders, and clefts.



Many native tribes once lived off this land,
Reaping the bounty left by the glacier's great hand.
Bison, bears, elk, and big cats, too,
All roamed this rich land long before you.

Walk a distance to the 518 "cable" pole.
Notice the trees are much younger on this stroll,
Telling us this "**tract**" at one time was cleared—
Perhaps for some pasture land, old trees were sheared.

Look left to see walnut trees, in a straight row they stand—
A sign of human influence on this land.
Did these once line an old route for travelers to take,
Leaving **tracks** of horses and wheels in their wake?

Caution, downhill! What's up ahead?

The house and a barn of an old farmstead!

Jonathan Hale and his wife, with a debt to best,
Left home in Connecticut and traveled west.

In 1810, land here was cheaper and more fertile, too.

But as for new neighbors, there were only a few.

Today's historical society of the Western Reserve

Acquired the house, farm, and village—all to preserve.*

* For more information about Hale Farm & Village, visit www.wrhs.org.

Near the hill's bottom, there's a nice place to rest.

For a good view, the bench on your right is best.

A small creek by the road makes a babbling sound,
Over which a small footbridge can be found.

Next to the bench is a round-hewn stone.

Charles Lehner's family wants his name to be known.

Use the letters on the plaque to help solve this clue.

Don't give up now—there's more solving to do!

What is the first line on the stone's plaque?

3 1 1 2 4

Retracing your steps, back to Indigo prevail.

Now follow the fence along a grassy trail.

On your left is a beautiful freshwater sight.

At the "lake view" intersection, continue straight, not right.

In long grass, meadow voles and grasshoppers hide,

While overhead, hawks and vultures can be spied.

Listen for plenty of animal sounds.

What do you see in the air or on the ground?

Another trail split—should you turn left or right?

Take the "right" way—a light pole is in sight.

You'll see more than one pole as you stride.

Be sure to keep them on your right side.

Look right soon after the second pole.

When you see the metal fence, halt your stroll.

Don't get too close—but read the sign.

You'll be one step closer to the finish line!

Who owns the pipeline? _____
5 6 6

